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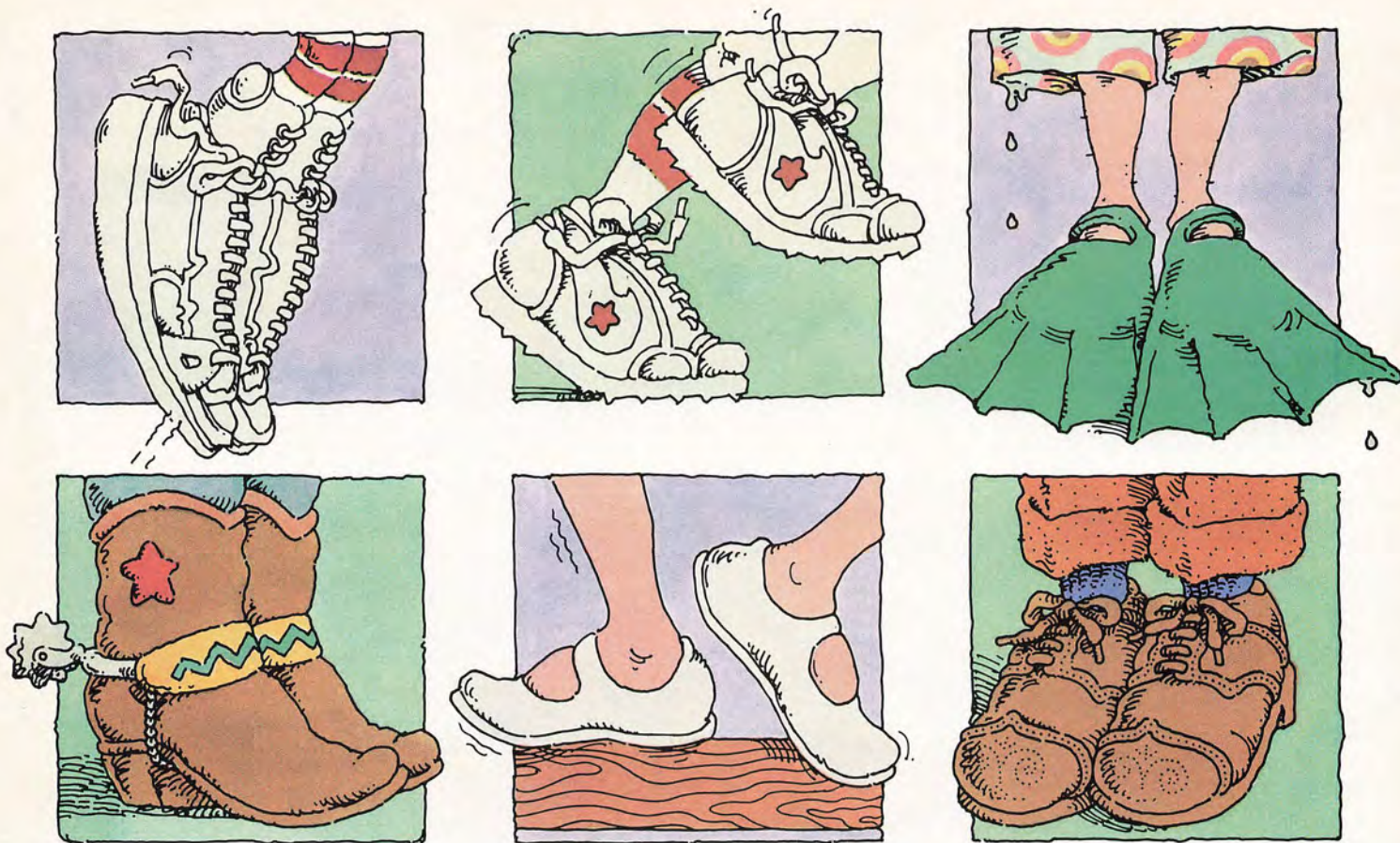
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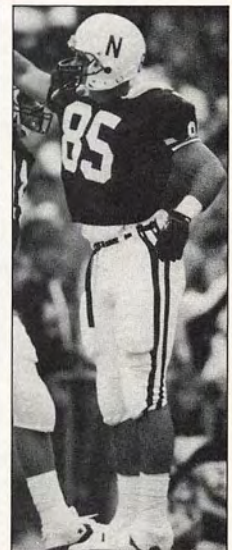
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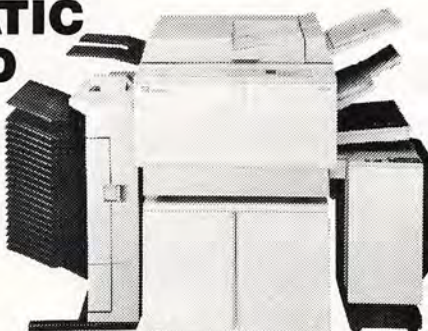
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Dear Huskers:

The recent article on the high school linemen was interesting, but not totally accurate. I coach at Bradenton (Fla.) Southeast and we played and defeated Sarasota Riverview 21-14. Tony Perry plays tackle at Riverview and you reported him at 6-8, 408. He's big — but not that big. He's actually 6-5, 360. Their other tackle is 6-10, 240, and their fullback is 6-0, 245. As big as these guys are, I'm coaching one that is bigger, faster, stronger and younger. Reggie Green is a vital cog in our efforts to return to the state 4A finals this year. He's 6-7, 336 and 16 years old. Yes, I've already alerted Coach Osborne about him.

I also am an avid Husker fan in search of 1989 tapes. I've got all the 1988 games recorded. I'd like to trade with some other Husker fans.

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Howard: Recruiting information on high school players is often questionable. As we noted in a recent Recruiting department story, 40-yard dash times are of especially dubious value. Unless in-person measurements are taken by a college recruiter or a sports writer, a player's vital statistics are often reported in good faith on what the player or his high school coach says. You'll almost never see a player who is listed as a college freshman as faster and taller than he was as a high school senior. It's a safe bet the gent you mentioned above will shrink even more in a year's time. Many thanks for your watchful eye; it emphasizes the imprecise nature of college recruiting.

ONCE IS ALL IT TAKES

Dear Huskers:

Why my son ever ordered your magazine I'll never know. He has only been in the state one time for a brief visit, and all he ever talks about is Go Big Red. In fact, at the Rose Bowl last year (at age 14), he was ready to take on the whole UCLA student section for their sportsmanship (thank you Tennessee, Arizona, et al).

Maybe it's because he's heard so

much about Bobby Reynolds, Gary and Charles Toogood, Johnny Rodgers, etc., from grandparents that didn't miss a game in the '50s, or maybe it's the great walkon program at the University of Nebraska.

I don't know, but whatever it is — keep it up. He reads your magazine before *Sports Illustrated* and *Sports Digest*.

Good luck the rest of the way.
Bill Huxford
Culver City, Calif.

ENVIIOUS

Dear Huskers:

Huskers Illustrated gets better all the time, and this year's magazine is one I look forward to in the mail each week. I enjoy everything in it. My clients (who attended other schools) say it's great, too. A terrific recruiting tool. A must for all Big Red fans.

Paul Witherby
Lincoln

INCOMPARABLE

Dear Huskers:

I've just finished watching the Colorado-Nebraska game, and although I am disappointed in defeat, I simply could not wait a single second before expressing my sincere appreciation for the great football program we as fans are blessed to have. There has never been a more class performance — by players, coaches and fans — than what I saw on television from the Big Red.

This is truly what college football — and all of athletics — is supposed to be about. Tom Osborne's poise and honor during and after the game touched me deeply. The players played an outstanding game and displayed gracious sportsmanship in a difficult situation. There is no doubt in my mind that Nebraska — as a consistent winner — is often perceived as the tough guy on the block, and television will often portray us that way in an effort to make their broadcasts more dramatic. That's fine with me. Naturally, the casual football fan will often pull for the underdog. But if they only followed Nebraska football in more detail, they would find it impossible not to root for the Cornhuskers.

There is a growing movement afloat — and several of your readers have expressed it in your Letters department in

recent years — that people are coming to understand that Tom Osborne is a great coach and great person regardless of national championships won or lost. But they've not gone the one step further that is required. It must be made clear that Osborne is right now deserving of the very highest of honors — not a national championship but the respect

and love of Nebraska fans, players and followers everywhere.

Tommy Nelson
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By Bill Connors

Before Bob Devaney arrived in Lincoln and dethroned Oklahoma and made Nebraska the Big Eight Conference's dominant team of the '60s, and before Bill Jennings' 1959 Cornhusker team snapped Oklahoma's 74-game conference winning streak, Nebraska had an impact on the Sooners.

In 1950, halfback Bobby Reynolds forced Wilkinson to change his defensive philosophy on short yardage plays.

Reynolds and his teammates were unable to prevent Oklahoma from winning the game and close in on its first national championship. But Reynolds, in one of his most remarkable performances of an extraordinary season, gave the Sooners a scare that compelled Wilkinson to abandon a concept he lived by in the early years of his career.

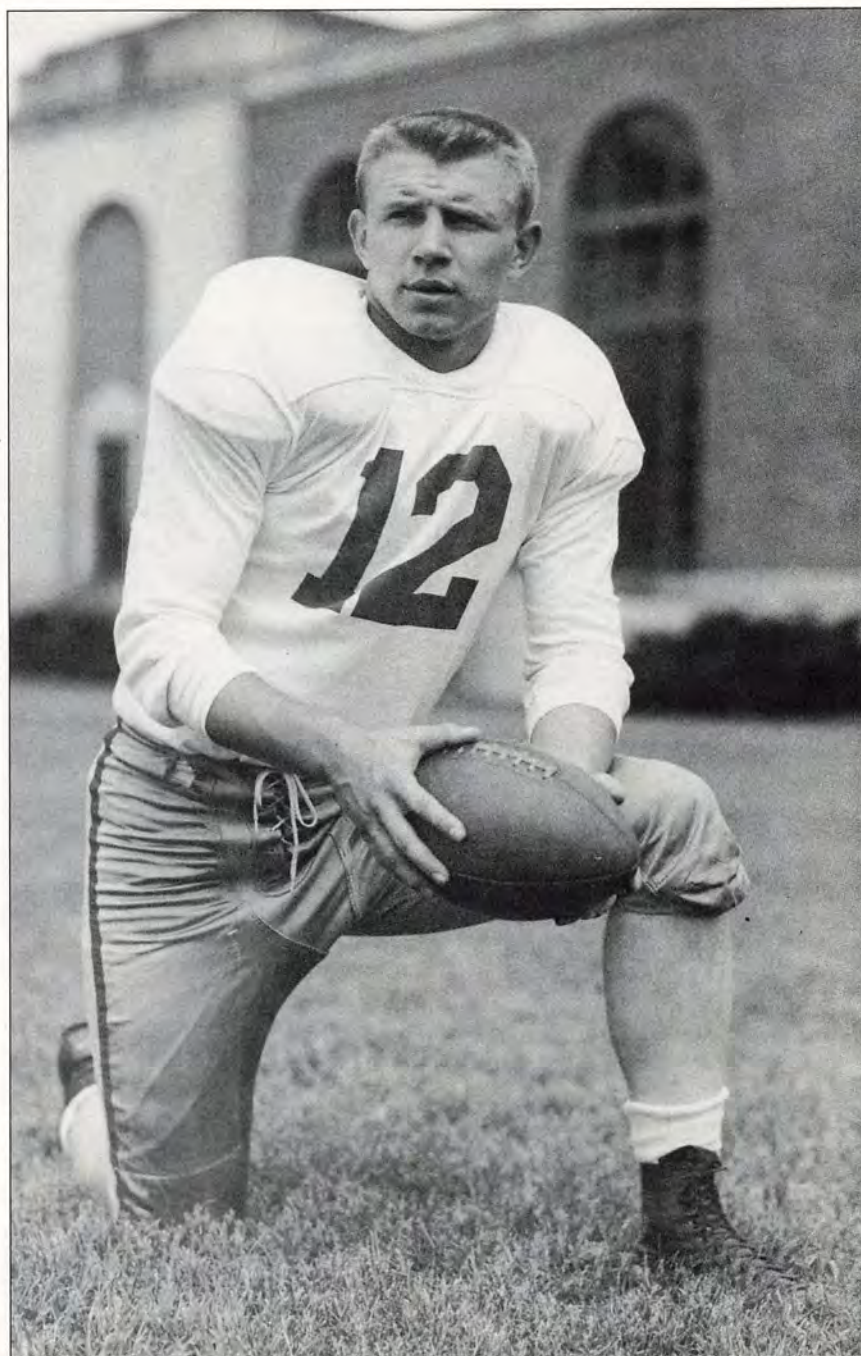
Reynolds (who died in 1986) unraveled an Oklahoma defense that focused on him with a forcing, no-gain approach. He ran for three quick touchdowns to give Nebraska a 21-14 lead. Reynolds had 81 yards rushing in the first half.

Oklahoma rallied and won 49-35. It was the highest score by an opponent in Wilkinson's first 12 seasons at Oklahoma.

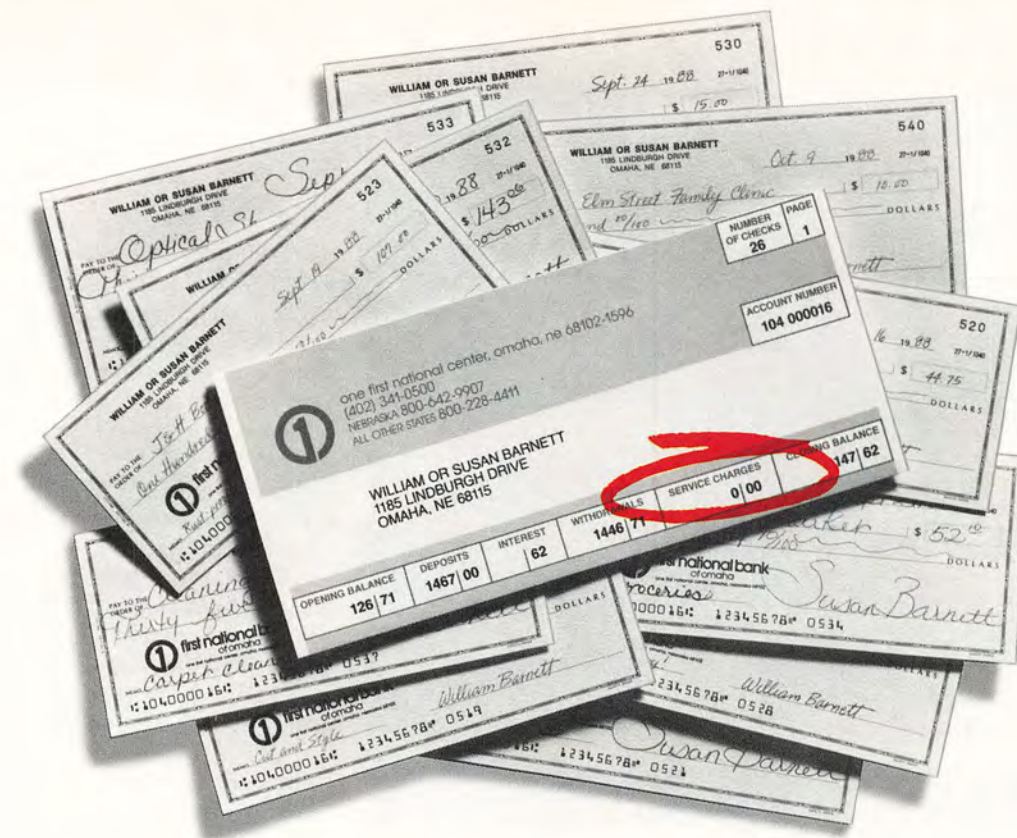
Until that game, Wilkinson was known primarily as an offensive coach who refined the Split-T. But throughout Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak, which began in 1953 and spanned two national championships, the Sooners placed more emphasis on defense.

Wilkinson's empire was stronger after the coach developed a keener appreciation of defense. Blame Reynolds.

None of the Heisman Trophy recipients who would follow at Nebraska and Oklahoma — and no conference player before or since — ever had a



The fair-haired Reynolds also dazzled the 1950 Sooners with his sportsmanship.



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Sooners who faced him say Reynolds (right) may have been the most talented player the game has ever known, including Rozier.

more dazzling debut than Reynolds did as a sophomore in 1950.

The 5-10, 175-pounder from Grand Island, Neb., rushed for 1,342 yards, a conference record that would stand until 1968. He scored 22 touchdowns and kicked extra points to lead the nation in scoring with 157 points. He was second nationally in rushing. And, he did it in a nine-game schedule for Coach Bill Glassford's team.

After being tied in their opener by Indiana and defeated in their conference opener by Colorado, the Cornhuskers caught fire behind Reynolds and were 6-1-1 going into the season finale at Norman. They averaged 38 points in their last four games.

Reynolds made All-America and was the most talked-about player in the conference. If a 1950 sophomore would win the Heisman in 1952, everything suggested it would be Reynolds, not Billy Vessels of Oklahoma.

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ly designed to stop Reynolds. Because, his speed and elusive moves made Reynolds such a terror to tackle in the open field, Oklahoma decided to try to penetrate and tackle Reynolds behind, at or near the line of scrimmage.

This was the "forcing concept" that Wilkinson and Gomer Jones, the line coach he hired from Nebraska in 1947, learned as players in the Big Ten Conference and employed as coaches on short-yardage situations.

"The objective of this defensive idea is to hold the opponent to absolutely no gain on each and every play," Wilkinson and Jones wrote in their 1957 book, *Modern Defensive Football*.

It was tantamount to a goal line defense. Although it was the antithesis in philosophy to the containing scheme

Trying to tackle Reynolds was like trying to get hold of a greased pig.

pioneered by Bob Neyland at Tennessee and popularized by his protege Bobby Dodd at Georgia Tech, Wilkinson and Jones had no reason to question their concept until Reynolds ate their lunch.

"Frankly," Wilkinson said years later, "we had never seen anyone like Reynolds. He was amazing."

After Oklahoma took a 14-0 lead, Reynolds made shambles of Oklahoma's tactics. On three consecutive possessions, he scored on runs of 20, 14 and 16 yards and converted after each touchdown. "As I recall, he did it all in about four minutes," Wilkinson said. "He simply took over the game."

Oklahoma lineman Norman McNabb said, "Trying to tackle Reynolds was like trying to get hold of a greased pig."

At halftime, Wilkinson instructed the Sooner defenders to "stop going for Reynolds' fakes. Don't look at his belt buckle; look at his shoulders. Hit him higher and hit him quicker."

In their book, Wilkinson and Jones cited their earlier preference for the forcing concept but wrote: "In our 1950

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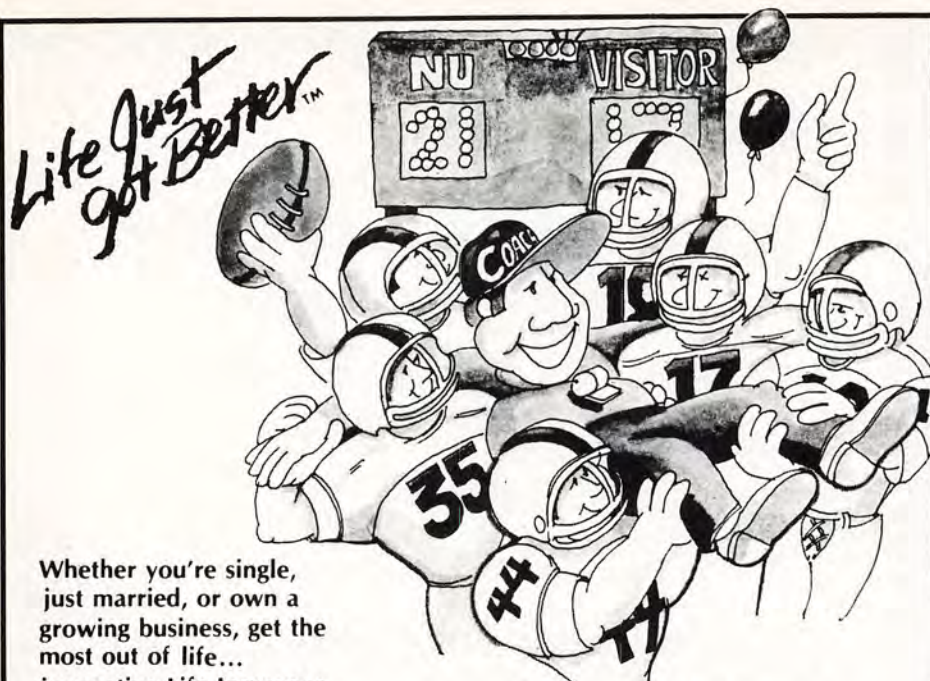
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game against Nebraska the danger of these tactics became so apparent to us that since that time we have always defended in depth when the ball is out on the field of play."

Wilkinson credited Reynolds with "forcing us to change our defensive philosophy."

Although Vessels dominated the second half to finish with 208 yards rushing and went on to win the '52 Heisman while injuries hampered Reynolds' junior and senior seasons, Reynolds became legendary at Oklahoma on the basis of his first-half heroics in 1950.

"Bobby was the most talented player we ever played against while I was at Oklahoma, and was probably as talented a player as ever played the game," Vessels said. "We had never seen anyone that exciting. It was a thrill to just watch him."

The Sooners became so frustrated trying to stop Reynolds that they lost their poise and were penalized for late hits.

"I hit him once when he was down and got a 15-yard penalty," McNabb said. "I overreacted. I apologized to him. He smiled and thanked me. 'Don't worry,' he said."

Wilkinson benched one defender and scolded him after he hit Reynolds in the ribs during a pileup.

Reynolds also impressed the Sooners with his sportsmanship after the game by coming to their dressing room to congratulate them for holding him to one yard rushing in the second half. He asked to meet safety Buddy Jones and linebacker Bert Clark.

"Bert was awed, like the rest of us," Vessels said. "Here was this nice, little blond guy with a crew cut going around telling everyone how well we had played. We thought we should be congratulating him."

Vessels said one of Reynolds' most dazzling plays occurred on punt formation. The Sooners rushed Reynolds so hard and fast he did not have time to punt. He ran to his right and while on the run he got off a 54-yard punt.

"That awed us," Vessels said. "Even Bud was making over Bobby when he came to our dressing room. Bud was really impressed."

So much that he changed Oklahoma's defensive philosophy. ■

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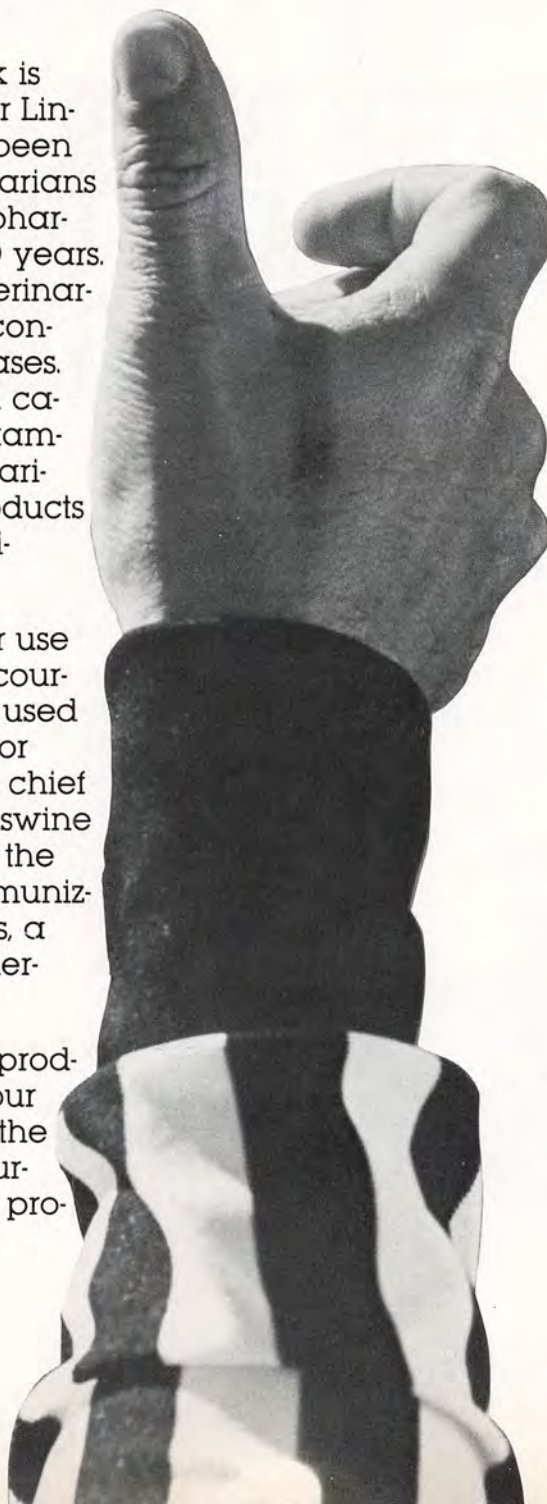
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By Rod Henkel

LINCOLN, Neb. — Memories of the Colorado loss lingered for about eight minutes in the Cornhuskers' minds Saturday.

That's how long it took for visiting Kansas to notch a 7-0 lead.

Nebraska, after a wake-up call, counted 44 unanswered points and posted a 51-14 Big Eight Conference win before 76,232 fans in Memorial Stadium.

The win improved NU's record to 9-1 and set up next week's game with talented but luckless Oklahoma.

After falling behind Kansas, Big Red resembled the good ole' Huskers by dominating both sides of the scrimmage line.

NU totaled 456 yards of offense during the time it scored six touchdowns and a safety to build a 44-7 cushion. The Jayhawks, meanwhile, managed only 85 yards and lost three turnovers.

For the game, the Cornhuskers held a 608-345 advantage in total offense.

"I thought we played fairly well today," said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne. "Offensively, we played our second straight game without a turnover, which I think is a pretty good accomplishment. Overall, after the first seven or eight minutes, we settled down and played pretty good defense."

Both red units — offense and defense — showed early signs of letdown following a difficult loss in Boulder.

Nebraska gained just seven yards on its first possession and Mike Stigge punted. Kansas began its second drive at the Jayhawk 22.

Led by quarterback Kelly Donohoe and tailback Tony Sands, who combined for 299 yards on the afternoon, KU marched 78 yards in 12 plays.

Kansas' scoring drive, capped by



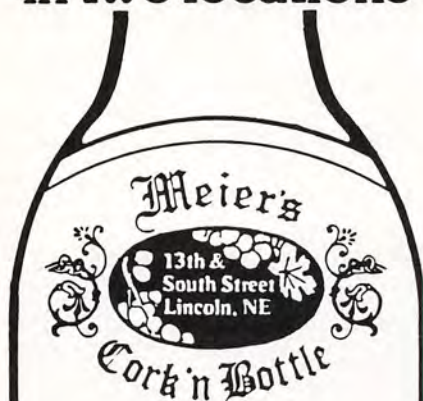

Bell (21) and the Husker offense were in full stride.

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fullback Maurice Douglas' 6-yard run with 7:01 remaining in the first quarter, represented a longer sustained possession than Colorado could manage a week earlier.

And the Black Shirts heard about it. "The coaches got on us pretty hard, like they should have," said NU corner-back Bruce Pickens. "It was ridiculous really. We had no motivation."

The coaches' message apparently reached the Husker offensive players as well.

Nebraska needed only two plays — both runs by I-back Ken Clark — to travel 71 yards and knot the score at 7-7 with 6:16 left in the period.

Clark, who finished with 177 yards on 20 carries, raced 38 yards around left end on the first play of NU's second possession. Doug Glaser and William Washington paved the way with downfield blocks.

Erik Wiegert provided running room on the next play for Clark, who ran 33 yards to paydirt.

The Cornhuskers took the lead for good the next time they got the football.

Quarterback Gerry Gdowski hit wingback Richard Bell on an 11-yard TD with 34 seconds remaining in the initial stanza, ending a six-play, 60-yard journey.

Bell contributed a 38-yard run on a reverse during the drive when he followed the block of another wingback, Nate Turner.

Saturday marked the second game with Turner and Bell both healthy since the Minnesota game. The two wingbacks combined for 51 rushing



Photo by John Bills

**Mills (42) nails KU
star RB Tony Sands.**

yards, 81 receiving yards and 30 return yards.

"Those two are a real force when they're in there at the same time," said Nebraska receivers coach Ron Brown.

Nebraska gained a 16-7 lead at the quarter break when Maurice Hooks received the kickoff following Bell's TD reception. The Jayhawk junior from Omaha, Neb., took the football out of the end zone before retreating and touching a knee to the ground for an NU safety.

Bell and Gdowski hooked up for the lone second quarter score, a 45-yard

SCORING SUMMARY

Nebraska 51, Kansas 14

Nebraska.....	16	7	21	7	— 51
Kansas.....	7	0	7	0	— 14

KU — Maurice Douglas 6 run (Brad Fleeman kick).
 Neb — Ken Clark 33 run (Gregg Barrios kick).
 Neb — Richard Bell 11 pass from Gerry Gdowski (Barrios kick).
 Neb — Safety, Maurice Hooks downed ball in end zone.
 Neb — Bell 45 pass from Gdowski (Barrios kick).
 Neb — Clark 33 run (Barrios kick).
 Neb — Jon Bostick 19 pass from Gdowski (Barrios kick).
 Neb — Leodis Flowers 1 run (Barrios kick).
 KU — Kelly Donohoe 2 run (Fleeman kick).
 Neb — Lamont White 3 run (Barrios kick).

Attendance: 76,232

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completion with 1:49 left in the half. Gdowski started down the line of scrimmage as he would on an option before dropping back and passing to a wide-open Bell.

"When Coach called the play, I was determined it was going to be a touchdown," said Bell, who now has three TD receptions in 1989. "They all supported on the pitch and I was wide open. The thing that ran through my mind was, don't blow it."

Gdowski attempted only eight passes against Kansas and he completed four, including three for touchdowns.

The Fremont, Neb., senior brought his season total to 15 TD passes with at least one scoring toss in the last eight games. His second quarter throw to Bell may have been one of his toughest.

"Those are some of the hardest passes to throw," said Gdowski. "I just tried to relax and throw it in there."

NU erased any image of post-Colorado doldrums with three touchdowns in a span of less than 10 minutes to begin the third quarter.

The initial Husker possession after intermission lasted six plays as Clark notched his second 33-yard TD run at the 12:13 mark.

Black Shirt Marvin Sanders, who along with Pat Tyrance led NU defenders with six tackles each, forced a fumble on KU's next drive.

Six plays after Jeff Mills recovered the Jayhawk fumble, Jon Bostick caught his sixth TD pass of the season on a 19-yard completion from Gdowski.

David White recovered a KU fumble on the ensuing kickoff and backup I-back Leodis Flowers scored from the 1,

six plays later.

Kansas, which suffered its 21st consecutive loss to Nebraska, countered in less than a minute when Donohue scored from the 2 after hitting Quintin Smith for an 80-yard completion.

The Jayhawks mounted a 13-play drive in the fourth quarter, but failed to score when Sanders intercepted a Donohue pass in the end zone.

Nebraska followed with a 14-play march, directed by quarterbacks Mickey Joseph, Jerry Dunlap, Tom Haase and

Keithen McCant, capped when NU's sixth I-back, Lamont White, scored from the 3.

With 16 players carrying the football, the Cornhuskers totaled 503 rushing yards.

"It's a pretty good number," said Nebraska offensive guard Jim Wanek, who admitted the normal Big Red emotion was absent early.

"I think it's kind of hard, especially after losing a close game that had so

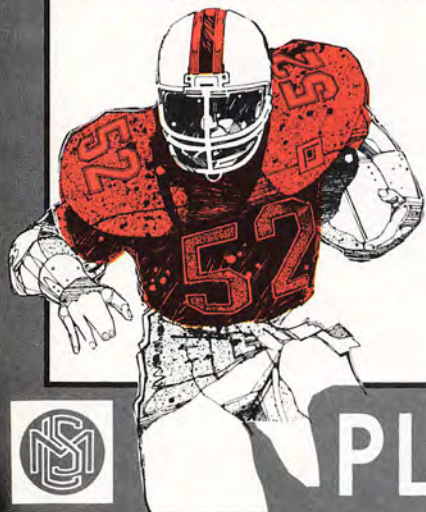
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The Black Shirts held KU to 131 yards rushing.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Clark Among The Best

Nebraska I-back Ken Clark, if he had not already done so, clearly established himself as one of Big Red's best running backs in school history.

With a 177-yard performance against Kansas, the Omaha Bryan High School graduate became the fourth Husker to crack the 1,000-yard barrier two consecutive seasons.

Clark finished his day midway through the third period with NU owning a 37-7 lead. His 20 carries included five rushes of more than 10 yards.

After Kansas stopped Clark for no gain on his first attempt, the Husker back rambled 38 and 33 yards on his

third and fourth carries, respectively, to tie the game at 7-7.

He contributed runs of 12 and 13 yards during a non-scoring drive in the second quarter to boost his rushing total to 123 yards by intermission.

"I think Ken Clark played well," said NU coach Tom Osborne. "He showed what kind of good balance he has."

Clark best displayed his balance on a second 33-yard TD on Nebraska's initial possession of the third period.

He ran over left guard and broke three tackles on his way to the end zone.

With his 12th career 100-yard day, Clark upped his career rushing total to 2,946, second-best in Husker history behind Mike Rozier.

Clark's career touchdown total of 29 ranks him seventh on the NU list.

Husker quarterback Gerry Gdowski enjoyed another fine day by accounting for 180 total-offense yards. He boosted his season passing total to 1,101 yards and his rushing statistics to 903 yards.

Gdowski now rates fifth on Nebraska's single-season total offense chart with 2,004 yards in 1989.

Marvin Sanders, Husker safety, turned in an honorable performance after missing two games with injuries.

Sanders tied linebacker Pat Tyrance with a team-high six tackles. He caused a fumble in the third quarter which Nebraska followed six plays later with a touchdown.

His fourth-quarter interception in the end zone ended a 13-play Jayhawk drive. ■



Clark is 2nd on the NU career rushing list.

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much riding on it. You could probably tell during the first couple of series."

Clark and Gdowski both experienced successful days and advanced on Nebraska offensive charts.

With 105 passing yards and 75 rushing yards, Gdowski now totals 2,004 yards of total offense in 1989 to rank fifth on NU's single-season list. He needs just 97 yards to crack the 1,000-yard rushing barrier while he has passed for 1,101 this season.

Clark surpassed I.M. Hipp to become the second leading rusher in Husker history with 2,946 yards. He now has 1,105 yards in 1989 and is the fourth Cornhusker to rush for more than 1,000 in successive seasons.

The two Husker offensive stars accounted for 357 yards of total offense.

On defense, Kenny Walker, Jeff Mills and Randall Jobman made four tackles each. More than 100 Huskers played against the Jayhawks.

"I don't know if it was our best game this year, but we played well," Gdowski



Gdowski (14) has thrown for 1,000 yards and may get the same rushing.

Photo by John Bills

said.

After winning what Osborne termed "a game between two so-called big games," NU players turned their attention to the Sooners.

The Huskers do not care that OU

brings a 7-3 record to Lincoln, or that the game will in all likelihood decide second place in the Big Eight and not the league title.

Oklahoma is Oklahoma and a showdown is a showdown. ■

Game	Score	First Downs Tot Ru-Pa-Pn	Rushing Att-Yds-TD	Passing Att-Com-Int-Yds-TD	Total Offense Att-Yds	Punting No-Avg	Fumbles No-Lost	Pen. No-Yds	Third Downs	T-of-P
@NEBRASKA.....	48	24 19-5-0	47-470-4	13-8-1-102-2	60-557	2-42.5	5-4	5-40	1-6	24:41
No. Illinois.....	17	11 7-3-1	50-162-2	13-5-1-44-0	63-174	10-38.1	1-0	7-57	5-18	35:19
@NEBRASKA.....	42	23 21-2-0	59-442-5	8-3-1-27-0	67-459	3-37.3	2-1	7-60	2-9	31:23
Utah.....	30	25 8-13-4	31-105-0	44-26-3-297-4	75-402	3-49.0	2-0	11-70	6-15	28:37
NEBRASKA.....	48	22 12-8-2	55-295-5	19-13-0-235-1	74-530	3-43.0	5-1	9-94	9-16	31:40
@Minnesota.....	0	10 5-3-2	34-58-0	27-8-3-61-0	61-163	10-37.8	1-0	12-78	6-17	28:20
@NEBRASKA.....	35	21 16-4-1	55-313-3	17-6-0-119-2	72-397	7-38.1	4-0	8-68	9-17	29:57
Oregon State.....	7	16 3-12-1	27-(36)-1	41-19-2-264-0	68-228	6-44.2	5-1	6-44	7-15	30:03
@NEBRASKA.....	58	33 27-6-0	75-575-5	12-8-1-181-3	87-723	3-36.3	6-3	7-79	10-15	36:34
Kansas State.....	7	10 3-5-2	22-61-1	45-14-1-137-0	67-153	10-39.6	2-2	9-79	2-17	23:26
NEBRASKA.....	50	26 20-4-2	73-417-4	11-4-0-56-1	84-473	1-51.0	4-2	13-106	5-11	34:15
@Missouri.....	7	17 6-7-4	36-117-1	31-15-1-148-0	67-265	7-31.6	3-2	7-71	1-13	25:45
NEBRASKA.....	48	26 14-10-2	54-316-4	29-11-0-195-2	83-511	7-32.3	2-1	3-30	8-18	32:06
@Oklahoma St.....	23	16 5-10-1	33-42-0	33-16-1-305-2	66-347	7-44.6	6-3	4-30	5-15	27:54
@NEBRASKA.....	49	23 20-3-0	61-476-5	7-3-0-62-2	68-530	2-38.5	1-1	3-34	8-13	29:47
Iowa State.....	17	26 16-9-1	47-235-2	24-14-0-158-0	71-348	2-10.0	4-3	6-44	6-13	30:13
NEBRASKA.....	21	19 9-10-0	43-186-0	27-11-0-211-3	70-397	6-38.0	1-0	6-47	8-17	31:12
@Colorado.....	27	13 10-2-1	47-205-3	10-2-1-22-0	57-227	5-51.0	2-0	4-20	7-15	28:48
@NEBRASKA.....	51	30 25-4-1	69-503-4	10-4-0-105-3	79-608	2-39.5	1-0	6-47	3-12	32:47
Kansas.....	14	16 6-9-1	40-131-2	23-14-2-214-0	63-345	4-45.0	4-2	8-62	7-13	27:13
@NEBRASKA.....										
Oklahoma.....										

WEEKLY WINNERS

By Bill Doleman

Wingbacks Bounce Back

SCOUT TEAM VS. KU

With the season now in its fourth month, the ability to persevere becomes as valuable as a player's playing ability, especially for those who see little if any playing time; specifically scout team players Mike Anderson and Erik Keihn, who were defensive and offensive honorees for the Kansas game.

"It's tough at times, but for those guys to come out and give us a good look at the opponent and to do it with a good effort late in the season, really says a lot about their dedication," said NU coach Dan Young.

A redshirt freshman, Anderson was the 1988 offensive all-state captain after his senior year at Grand Island High School. However, at Nebraska his future is on the other side of the ball at inside linebacker.

While Anderson is just getting his career at Nebraska underway, Kiehn is a junior offensive guard who has played a valuable role, according to Young.

"Even though Erik hasn't seen a lot of time, he's still done a lot for the team," Young said. "He's shown a lot of leadership among the scout team players and has really been one to challenge the defense to make us better."

RECEIVER BLOCKER VS. KU

A few weeks ago, the NU lineup at wingback was a big question mark with injuries to frontliners Richard Bell and Nate Turner. Now both are healthy, and both have been honored as co-winners of this week's blocking award.

"Both of them played a little over half of the Kansas game, and they both graduated out with a lot of points for the

number of plays they had," said NU receivers coach Ron Brown. "I think it was probably Nate's best overall blocking game of the year, and Richard had five knockdowns, which was kind of indicative of how aggressively he played."

The two combined for 27 total points to edge the tight ends, who are among the many to earn honorable mention, along with split end Chip Bahe and wingback Mark Dowse.

"I thought all of our tight ends blocked well, especially at the point of attack," Brown said. "They really took advantage of their blocking opportunities."

"Chip Bahe also had 15 points, which is an awful lot for a split end, but that's kind of indicative of the effort he brings to the game."

Dowse, despite just six points, may



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have turned in one of the most impressive performances on one of the game's seemingly simplest plays. On Leodis Flowers' 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, Dowse recorded four of his six points on one play. "It was an iso(lation) run," Brown explained. "Mark made a key block at the point of attack and got a knockdown that led to the touchdown. Because he pretty well laid the guy out, he also got a stone. It's possible to score in all five categories on one play, although no one has done it yet. So, Mark has the record for now."

KU TOTALS

Point of attack: Garrett 18; Washington 16; Turner 11; Kratzenstein, Bell 8; Bahe, Leise 6; Gregory, Bostick 5; Hughes 4; Dowse, D'Alesio 3; Prater 2; Bobolz, Pleasant 1.

Knockdowns: Garrett 11; Kratzenstein, Washington 6; Bell 5; Turner 3; Bostick, Bahe 2; Dowse, McCoy, Prater 1.

Extra effort: Kratzenstein 9; Bahe 6; Washinton 4; Bostick, Garrett 3; Leise 2; Hughes, D'Alesio, Pleasant 1.

Stones: Dowse 1.

Blazers: Washington 3; Kratzenstein 2; Bahe, Garrett, Dowse, Leise, D'Alesio, Prater 1.

KU TOTALS (By Position)

Tight ends: Garrett 33; Washington 29; Kratzenstein, Leise 9; D'Alesio 5.

Wingbacks: Turner 14; Bell 13; Dowse 6; Hughes 5; Prater 4; Bobolz 1.

Split ends: Bahe 15; Bostick 10; Gregory 5; Pleasant 2; McCoy 1.

SEASON TOTALS

Point of attack: Washington 139; Kratzenstein 111; Garrett 85.

Knockdowns: Kratzenstein 49; Washington 35; Garrett, Dowse 26.

Extra Effort: Bahe 67; Kratzenstein 49; Gregory 30.

Stones: Bell 3; Gregory, Garrett 2.

Blazers: Washington 20; Garrett, Kratzenstein 13.

SEASON TOTALS (By Position)

Tight ends: Kratzenstein 214; Washington 212; Garrett 142.

Wingbacks: Bell 100; Dowse 84; Turner 81.

Split ends: Bahe 107; Gregory 87; Bostick 57.

(Terms: In Coach Brown's grading system, point-of-attack blocks are made on the play side and directly affect the runner's yardage at the point of attack. Blazer blocks lead directly to touchdowns. Extra effort blocks are those where the player goes above and beyond the call of duty. Knockdowns

result in the foe being knocked off his feet. And Stones take the knockdown a step further, almost to the point of knockout. Points are awarded for each block, and it's possible for a player to score several points on a given play.)

On the cover: I-back Ken Clark explodes for 177 yards. Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen, using a Nikon F4S camera, Nikkor 300mm f2.8 lens and a TC-16A teleconverter. ■

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STATE OF THE HUSKERS

By Mike Babcock

No Time for Letdowns

Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator, talked briefly with Mike Murray after the Cornhuskers' 51-14 victory against Kansas.

Murray, the senior noseguard, admitted he'd had difficulty focusing on the Jayhawks during the week in practice. "He said he was having a tough time, emotionally," recovering from the previous Saturday's 27-21 loss to Colorado, said McBride.

"Mike's usually going full blast all the time, so if he wan't there, I assume everybody else wasn't either. Our emotion was not good."

The loss to Colorado took its toll. "There was no type of emotional peak whatsoever. I had hoped this wouldn't happen, but it did," McBride said.

The coaches did everything they could to prevent a letdown according to senior free safety Marvin Sanders.

"They prepare us the same whether we're playing Kansas or Colorado," he said. "I don't know what it was. I didn't feel as prepared to play as I normally do. You're playing against yourself and you have to pull something out in a game like this."

But, try as it might, the defense apparently didn't. The emotion just wasn't there in the early going.

McBride didn't mince words in his assessment of the defense: "This was probably the most unemotional football team I've ever been around."

Kansas drove 78 yards in 12 plays on its second possession of the game to take a 7-0 lead. That may have helped get the defense's attention.

Even so, the Jayhawks finished with 345 yards of total offense, well above what Nebraska opponents have averaged this season — 256.3 yards per game.

"They probably got more yards against us than Colorado," said McBride.

He was right about that. The Buffaloes were held to 227 total yards.

Part of the reason for Kansas' offensive success was the Jayhawks' ability to make big plays. On their first scoring drive, they converted on third-and-nine from their own 23-yard line when tailback Tony Sands broke loose on a 19-yard run. Kansas' second touchdown was set up by an 80-yard pass play from Kelly Donohoe to Quintin Smith to the Cornhusker 2-yard line.

Smith finished with nine pass receptions for 169 yards.

"The big play has killed us all year," McBride said, adding that the problem is "mental mistakes, and I'm getting sick of it."

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young, second-team players according to McBride. The play against Kansas "set us back a couple of notches.

"The thing I'm discouraged about is, we get kids who want to play late in the game and they make mistakes. That's concerned me all year. Those guys have to come through in critical situations. Depth has to win for you."

That will be true this week when the Cornhuskers finish their regular season against archrival Oklahoma. Even though the Sooners have three losses, their offense "is getting tuned up," said McBride. "They'll play good against us. They always have."

Oklahoma is trying to integrate more passing into its offense.

"After what they saw today, I'd guess we'll see more throwing."

Against Kansas, the Cornhuskers' aggressiveness was a "roller coaster. We were pretty blasé at times.

"I knew we'd have to struggle through the week getting ready (for Kansas)."



Ray Valladao

But "there was no indication during the warmups. We just came out and weren't ready."

The Oklahoma game will be different. Senior free safety Sanders guarantees it. "This was the last of the big letdowns for Nebraska's defense," he said. "I have a chance to get even with Oklahoma."

Actually Sanders could finish his varsity career one game to the good against Oklahoma. The Sooners won his sophomore year in Lincoln, 17-7, in a game that pitted the two top-ranked teams in the country.

Last year Nebraska won 7-3 in Norman.

"It's not like the Colorado rivalry: unfriendly. But we've got to be ready to play," Sanders said.

And if the Cornhuskers aren't ready to play?

McBride responded with a deep breath. "Geez," he said, and nothing more. ■



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Dunlap, QB	0-0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP		1-0-0-0-0
Gdowski, QB	8-6-1-83-1	6-3-0-27-0	15-10-0-180-1	14-5-0-110-1	6-4-1-112-1	7-3-0-41-1	24-10-0-170-2	6-3-0-62-2	27-11-0-211-3	8-4-0-105-3		121-59-2-1101-15
Grant, QB	DNP	DNP	3-2-0-34-0	1-1-0-9-1	4-3-0-40-1	3-1-0-15-0	5-1-0-25-0	1-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP		17-8-0-123-2
Haase, QB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-0-0-0		1-0-0-0-0
Joseph, QB	5-2-0-19-1	DNP	1-1-0-21-0	2-0-0-0-0	2-1-0-29-1	1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	1-0-0-0-0		12-4-0-69-2
McCant, QB	0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0		1-0-1-0-0

LEGEND: Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yardage-TD

GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Achola, FB	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	1-7-0-7		1-7-0-7
Bell, WB	2-39-0-33	4-38-0-18	1-0-0-0	5-82-0-48	4-18-0-7	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-5-0-6	2-42-0-38		20-224-0-48
Bobolz, WB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Carpenter, FB	2-11-0-11	5-102-1-29	5-21-0-7	2-10-1-8	6-57-1-31	8-29-0-11	5-22-0-6	5-52-0-28	7-12-0-6	5-28-0-13		50-344-3-31
Clark, IB	14-168-1-47	22-130-1-22	18-100-2-16	20-59-1-6	22-166-2-30	17-125-1-36	21-85-2-14	DNP	21-95-0-21	20-177-2-38		175-1105-12-47
Devall, WB	INJ	INJ	INJ	0-0-0-0	INJ	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Dowse, WB	1-10-1-10	DNP	2-10-1-7	0-0-0-0	2-12-0-9	1-9-0-9	0-0-0-0	1-7-0-7	DNP	1-6-0-6		8-54-2-10
Dunlap, QB	1-(4)-0-0	1-1-0-1	DNP	0-0-0-0	2-(20)-0-(10)	DNP	DNP	2-1-0-1	DNP	0-0-0-0		6-(22)-0-1
Flowers, IB	11-65-2-14	5-21-0-15	8-46-2-37	3-20-0-12	4-77-1-67	3-15-0-8	5-66-1-52	16-118-0-41	0-0-0-0	7-34-1-13		62-462-7-67
Gdowski, QB	5-74-0-36	15-98-3-19	7-36-0-20	12-47-1-16	10-81-1-23	12-122-2-34	14-125-1-28	17-176-4-74	11-69-0-35	6-75-0-26		109-903-7-74
Glantz, FB	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Grant, QB	DNP	DNP	4-32-0-16	3-28-0-21	4-28-0-12	9-55-0-15	5-8-0-6	2-15-0-10	DNP	DNP		27-166-0-27
Haase, QB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-2-0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-8-0-8		2-10-0-8
Hughes, WB	1-(1)-0-0	1-(2)-0-(2)	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-5-0-10	0-0-0-0	5-5-0-5	0-0-0-0	2-6-0-10		12-13-0-10
Johnk, FB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-6-0-6	0-0-0-0	2-6-0-4	1-15-0-15	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0		4-27-0-15
Joseph, QB	5-14-0-17	DNP	1-0-0-0	3-32-0-15	5-43-0-16	9-20-1-7	0-0-0-0	3-31-0-21	DNP	12-66-0-13		38-201-1-21
McCant, QB	1-53-0-53	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1- (1)-0-(1)		2-52-0-53
McDuffy, IB	1-1-0-1	0-0-0-0	5-18-0-7	0-0-0-0	3-15-0-7	DNP	DNP	1-5-0-5	DNP	2-10-0-7		7-31-0-7
Prater, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Rodgers, IB	INJ	INJ	INJ	4-5-0-9	8-51-0-15	9-9-0-5	3-9-0-5	6-37-0-8	DNP	4-18-0-6		34-129-0-20
Reynolds	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Schmidt, FB	1-4-0-4	3-10-0-5	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-6-0-6	1-13-0-13	1-1-0-1	2-7-0-5	DNP	1-4-0-4		10-41-0-14
Turner, WB	2-21-0-14	3-34-0-23	3-26-0-14	0-0-0-0	INJ	INJ	INJ	1-14-0-14	2-5-0-5	1-9-0-9		12-109-0-23
L. White, IB	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-(5)-0-8	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	3-14-1-7		6-9-1-8

LEGEND: Attempts-Yardage-TD-Long

GAME BY GAME RECEIVING STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Bahe, SE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Bell, WB	1-7-0-7	1-2-0-2	5-121-1-34	1-16-0-16	3-71-0-42	1-11-0-11	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-33-0-20	2-56-2-45		16-317-3-45
Bobolz, WB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Bosfick, SE	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-60-1-60	3-77-2-41	0-0-0-0	5-99-2-35	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-19-1-19		10-255-6-60
Carpenter, FB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-29-1-29	0-0-0-0	1-22-0-22	0-0-0-0	2-66-1-51	0-0-0-0		4-117-2-51
Clark, IB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-14-0-14	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0		1-14-0-14
D'Alesio, TE	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Devall, WB	INJ	INJ	INJ	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Dowse, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-9-1-9	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		1-9-1-9
Garrett, TE	1-12-1-12	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-11-0-11	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-26-1-26	0-0-0-0		3-49-2-26
Gregory, SE	3-41-0-12	2-25-0-17	1-5-0-5	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-45-1-19	2-36-0-19	0-0-0-0	5-77-1-32	0-0-0-0		16-229-2-32
Hughes, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-4-0-4	0-0-0-0	2-27-0-15	2-41-2-25	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0		5-72-2-25
Kratzenstein, TE	2-39-1-28	0-0-0-0	2-20-0-12	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-11-0-11	1-21-0-21	1-9-0-9	0-0-0-0		7-100-1-28
Leise, TE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Makell, WB	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
McCoy, SE	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Pleasant, SE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Prater, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
Turner, WB	1-3-0-3	0-0-0-0	5-89-0-26	1-9-0-9	INJ	INJ	INJ	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-30-0-30		10-131-0-30
Washington, TE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	INJ	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0
L. White, IB	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0

LEGEND: Catches-Yardage-TD-Longest

GAME BY GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
E. Anderson, CB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0		1-0-1; 0-0
L. Anderson, DT	2-0-2; 0-0	DNP	1-1-2; 1-8	2-0-2; 2-17	0-0-0; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP		5-3-8; 3-25
Brown, DT	1-3-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0		2-4-6; 0-0
Brungardt, DT	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	3-0-3; 1-1	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 2-11	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0		5-1-6; 3-12
Byrd, FS	0-1-1; 0-0	3-1-4; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-3-3; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	5-3-8; 0-0	5-2-7; 2-3	2-1-3; 0-0		23-12-35; 2-3
Callendo, LB	2-1-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 2-7	0-0-0; 0-0	2-3-5; 2-9	1-3-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-2		9-8-17; 5-18

GAME BY GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS, cont.

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Cooper, SS	3-2-5; 2-5	8-2-10; 1-2	1-2-3; 0-0	4-0-4; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	5-3-8; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	7-2-9; 0-0	3-1-4; 2-2	0-0-0; 0-0		34-11-45; 5-9
Cotton, SS	2-0-2; 1-18	2-1-3; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0		9-4-13; 1-18
Crippen, CB	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	4-0-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	3-1-4; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0		9-3-12; 0-0
Croel, LB	3-1-4; 2-9	3-1-4; 0-0	4-2-6; 2-6	6-2-8; 2-15	0-1-1; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-2	2-2-4; 0-0	3-2-5; 2-7	2-1-3; 0-0		27-13-40; 9-39
Dobesh, SS	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		0-0-0; 0-0
Engelbert, NG	1-2-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	4-2-6; 2-18	2-0-2; 0-0	1-2-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 1-1		11-6-17; 3-19
Geiken, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0		2-0-2; 0-0
Hagge, LB	1-3-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-3-4; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0		8-7-15; 0-0
Hedrick	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0		1-0-1; 0-0
Hicks, CB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-0-3; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	2-0-2; 0-0		5-0-5; 0-0
Hill, LB	3-0-3; 1-1	2-0-2; 1-3	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-10	2-0-2; 1-10	1-4-5; 1-1	1-0-1; 0-0	4-0-4; 1-5	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0		18-4-22; 6-31
Jobman, LB	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-2-4; 0-0		7-8-15; 0-0
Keast, LB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		0-0-0; 0-0
Koellner, NG	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0		1-0-1; 0-0
Kurtz, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	2-0-2; 0-0		6-0-6; 0-0
Legette, CB	1-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	4-0-4; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0		10-1-11; 0-0
T. Lewis, CB	1-1-2; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0		16-4-20; 0-0
Miller, DT	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		0-0-0; 0-0
Mills, LB	3-4-7; 1-5	2-0-2; 1-1	3-3-6; 2-11	2-0-2; 1-5	0-0-0; 0-0	2-2-4; 0-0	5-1-6; 0-0	7-1-8; 0-0	7-2-9; 1-1	3-1-4; 2-5		34-14-48; 8-28
Mohnsen, LB	1-1-2; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		1-1-2; 0-0
Monarrez, NG	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	INJ	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0		0-0-0; 0-0
Murray, NG	2-1-3; 1-4	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-2	0-1-1; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	8-0-8; 1-5	2-1-3; 0-0		18-3-21; 2-11
Olson, FS	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		1-0-1; 0-0
Petko, LB	3-3-6; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	2-4-6; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	3-1-4; 0-0	4-1-5; 1-2	1-3-4; 0-0	INJ		19-14-33; 1-2
Pickens, CB	2-0-2; 0-0	5-1-6; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	6-0-6; 2-18	2-0-2; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0		22-4-26; 2-18
Reece, DB	2-1-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-2-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 1-7	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	5-1-6; 1-7	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0		13-4-17; 2-14
Sanders, FS	3-1-4; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	INJ	DNP	4-2-6; 0-0		17-7-24; 0-0
Sims, DT	3-1-4; 1-2	3-0-3; 1-12	2-0-2; 1-7	0-1-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-2-4; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0		12-7-19; 2-14
Spitzenberger, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 1-9	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP		1-0-1; 1-9
Svehla, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0		3-2-5; 0-0
Thomas, FS	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		3-0-3; 0-0
Tyrance, LB	4-6-10; 1-4	6-3-9; 0-0	3-2-5; 1-2	4-3-7; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	2-4-6; 1-1	3-1-4; 1-9	2-1-3; 0-0	4-2-6; 1-1	5-1-6; 0-0		37-24-61; 5-17
Valladao, DT	2-1-3; 0-0	2-1-3; 1-5	INJ	0-1-1; 1-10	1-0-1; 0-0	0-1-1; 1-4	0-0-0; 0-0	3-5-8; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0		9-11-20; 3-19
Walker, DT	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 1-2	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 1-7	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	3-2-5; 3-12	1-1-2; 1-9	3-1-4; 1-1		12-6-18; 7-31
Wells, DT	1-3-4; 0-0	3-0-3; 3-21	1-0-1; 1-2	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-3-3; 0-0	3-1-4; 1-3	5-1-6; 0-0	5-0-5; 2-10	0-1-1; 0-0		18-9-27; 7-36
Wendland, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0		0-0-0; 0-0
D. White, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	2-2-4; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0		14-5-19; 0-0
F. White, SS	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-1-1; 0-0		5-1-6; 0-0
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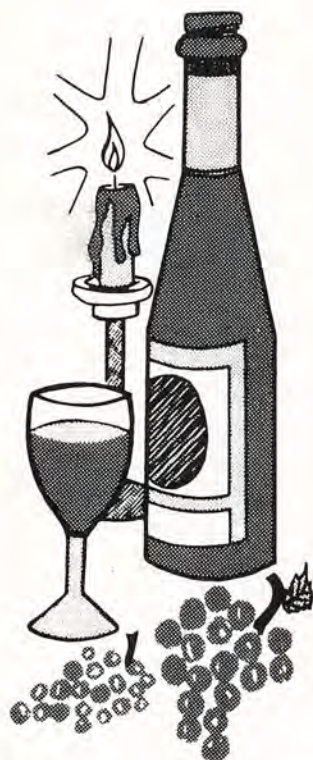
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NEBRASKA GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA
SE	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	
LT	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	
LG	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	
C	Young	Young	Young	Young	Edeal	Young	Young	Young	Young	Young	
RG	Roschal	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	
RT	Glaser	Wiegert	Engstrom	Wiegert	Glaser	Glaser	Glaser	Glaser	Glaser	Glaser	
TE	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	
QB	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	
FB	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	
IB	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Flowers	Clark	Clark	
WB	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Hughes	Bell	Bell	
DEFENSE	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA
OLB	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	
LT	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Valladao	Valladao	Valladao	
NG	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	
RT	Wells	Wells	Wells	L. Anderson	Wells	Wells	Wells	Wells	Wells	Wells	
OLB	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	
SLB	Jobman	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Jobman	
WLB	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	
LCB	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	
RCB	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Legette	Lewis	Legette	
SS	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cottori	
FS	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Byrd	Byrd	Byrd	

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Huskers To Romp

Chuck Green, Daily Nebraskan, Lincoln, Neb.: "I think that this is finally the year that Nebraska will beat Oklahoma pretty bad. The Sooners just haven't had the spark that they have had in years past while the Cornhuskers proved in Colorado that they're a better team than people gave them credit for.

"Colorado and Nebraska moved the ball pretty well. If Nebraska can do that against Colorado, it certainly can do that against OU. The game is also the last of the season for Nebraska at Memorial Stadium, so the players and the fans should be emotionally ready for this one. **I'll say Nebraska 31, Oklahoma 20.**"

Jon Ryan, Columbus Telegram, Columbus, Neb.: "Nebraska certainly didn't want to come into the Oklahoma game with a loss on their record and they certainly don't want to come out of it with another.

"It's been 13 years since someone besides these two was playing for the rights to call themselves Big Eight champs. That fact may take some of the luster off of this game for the national audience and writers, but not for the Huskers and Sooners. For them, things won't have changed. These teams still have a slim shot at being conference co-champs, but that's not the only reason that these two perennial powerhouses will go at each other with undaunting desire. No, the reason these two teams will battle like always is desire. The reason these two teams will battle, like always, will be pride and tradition. It's NU-OU. No more need be said if you're a player on one of these two, top-notch programs.

"It wouldn't make any difference to these players if their team was 5-5 or 10-0. The Sooners will finish a lot closer to the former than to the latter. **The Huskers will come away with a 31-17 victory and play in the Fiesta Bowl.**"

Brad Fuqua, Grand Island Independent, Grand Island, Neb.: "For the first time in a couple of decades, the Nebraska-Oklahoma game doesn't mean a whole lot in the Big Eight. But, it still means a lot to the two teams, so this game will be as hard-hitting as ever.

"Nebraska will find the going tough in this one. The Huskers definitely have better players, but there's something about the Sooners that gives NU problems. Maybe since Barry Switzer is gone, things have changed. But I doubt it.

"Nebraska needs to get its running game going with Gerry Gdowski, Ken Clark and Bryan Carpenter having good days. **It'll be a close, knockdown game like it always is, but Nebraska will win 28-24.**"

Jeff Shearer, KDUH-TV, Scottsbluff, Neb.: "It's hard to believe that the Orange Bowl won't be on the line when Nebraska and OU square off Saturday. It just won't be the same without Switzer calling the shots for the Sooners. But even with the Big Eight title sitting in Boulder and Switzer sitting in his living room, this is one of the great rivalries of college football.

"Nebraska is the better team and should be able to pile on the points against a Sooner defense that has slipped a notch or two this season. **I'll say that the Huskers will take this one 31-17.**"

John Martinez, North Platte Telegraph, North Platte, Neb.: "A bid to a major bowl game for Nebraska could hinge on its annual shootout with Oklahoma.

"Nebraska needs to finish the season with a strong showing in order to be ranked among the top five teams in the nation and to receive a New Year's Day bowl bid. Ten-and-one will do just that. Oklahoma is experiencing somewhat of a 'down' year. But the Sooners are still the Sooners. It won't be easy, but the Huskers should prevail. A win will help some fans forget about Colorado. **I'll say Nebraska 24, Oklahoma 10.**"

Jim Headley, Sidney Telegraph, Sidney, Neb.: "What is normally the 'Game of Games' isn't as big of a deal as usual. Don't get me wrong. Both teams will be up for this one, and I feel a Nebraska demolition is in store. **Nebraska will seek a little comfort from the Colorado loss by ripping apart Oklahoma 42-14.**

"Oklahoma really isn't itself this year

and Nebraska is as strong as usual. The Sooners won't be singing the praises of the team after this blowout. Finally, Norman will be put into a realm of silence. A Cornhusker dream will come true. The Big Red is still going for a bowl bid and has a lot more to shoot for than the Sooners. That can sometimes be a negative factor but not this time."

Huskers Illustrated: "Forget that Colorado has the Big Eight title. Forget that OU's record and performance this season has been less than awesome. This is OU-Nebraska. Us against them. The Big Reds of the North and South going head-to-head in a rivalry with great tradition."

"Nebraska needs a solid performance in the regular-season finale to impress the pollsters. With OU's patchwork defense and injury-riddled offense, the Huskers may look very impressive against their arch rivals. You can throw records and statistics out the window for this one, but you can't throw out the ob-



Stanton

vious — Nebraska is just too deep for the paper-thin Sooners to handle. We'll say Nebraska 28, Oklahoma 14."

Roger Stanton, *Football News*, Detroit, Mich.: "I don't think this

Oklahoma team is the same Oklahoma we've known over the years. They are a little below par.

"All along, I've probably overrated Oklahoma. **Playing at home, Nebraska should win by 7-10 points.**

"I felt if Oklahoma was going to upset anyone this year it would have been Colorado in Norman. Colorado won by 20-3 on the road while Nebraska played a great game and lost by only six points in Boulder. I'm a big believer in the home-field advantage. You can see what it did for Colorado. It's only natural for some calls in a tight game to go for the home team. You see it every week in college football, and I wouldn't be surprised if Nebraska gets the breaks, if there are any, in Lincoln.

"If Colorado and Nebraska played next week at Lincoln, I'd pick Nebraska.

"I had a dream Thursday night that Oklahoma State beat Colorado. It wasn't a nightmare, but it did wake me up. Don't expect an upset in Lincoln." ■



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Oklahoma Sooners

Never mind that Coach Gary Gibbs' first Oklahoma team has lost three games. And never mind that the Sooners are looking at the prospect of their first four-loss season since 1983.

Oklahoma is still Oklahoma, and that's all any Nebraska fan needs to know.

As Gibbs said recently, the Sooners will "go to Lincoln and play Nebraska with a great attitude and a purpose of winning that football game."

With Oklahoma ineligible for post-season competition as a result of NCAA probation, the Nebraska game could very well be considered the Sooners' bowl.

"We can't dwell on the past, but instead, we must look to the future and look forward to getting better and playing better," freshman quarterback Steve Collins said after the Sooners' 20-3 loss to Colorado in Norman.

And, it would seem, Oklahoma has.

Collins is an important reason for that. The Sooners have had problems at quarterback this season, which helps explain why their offensive numbers are down a little from recent seasons.

Collins, a 6-2, 196-pound redshirt freshman from Ennis, Texas, appeared to be the successor to Charles Thompson until he suffered a broken little finger on his right hand in the second game of the season and didn't return to action until the Colorado game.

His was the first in a series of injuries to critical players that have hobbled the Sooners this season.

Tailback Mike Gaddis, who was ranked second in the nation in rushing at the time, suffered a knee injury in a 28-24 loss to Texas and was lost for the season, as was Z-back Rod Fisher, who also went down with a knee injury.

Freshman fullback Kenyon Rasheed suffered a season-ending fractured foot and back-up offensive tackle Harold Jones was lost to a knee injury.

Oklahoma's defense hasn't been spared injury problems, either, with tackle Tom Backes, ends James Goode and Corey Mayfield, Goode's back-up, all being sidelined for the season.

Even so, the Sooners have played solid defense, the most notable exception being in a 43-40 victory against



Frank Blevins

Iowa State, and they've shown bursts of the offense for which they're well-known.

In the absence of Gaddis and Fisher, Oklahoma's busiest ball carriers from the tailback position have been Ike Lewis, a redshirted freshman from Dallas, and Dewell Brewer, a true freshman from Lawton, Okla.

The Sooners landed Brewer, Oklahoma's high school Player of the Year, in a recruiting battle with Nebraska.

Leon Perry, a 6-1, 230-pound senior from Orlando, Fla., also has been an integral part of the attack, which operates behind an offensive line that includes only two seniors, center Mike Wise and tackle Mark VanKeirsbilck.

Seniors are in short supply on the Oklahoma defense, too, with only three at starting positions: end Wayne Dickson, noseguard Dante Williams and cornerback Kevin Thompson.

Among the other prominent players on the Sooners' young defense are tackle Scott Evans, end Chris Wilson, strongside linebacker Frank Blevins and weakside linebackers Reggie Barnes and Joe Bowden. Barnes is a redshirted freshman. Bowden is a sophomore who sat out last season because of Prop 48.

Sophomore strong safety Jason Belser ranks among the Big Eight's pass interception leaders, and freshman Z-back Otis Taylor is among the leading punt returners in the conference.

The Sooners also have a solid place-kicker in junior R.D. Lashar.

Oklahoma is still one of the nation's leaders in rushing offense, averaging well over 300 yards per game. And the Sooners have scored in 73 consecutive games, dating back to 1983.

Strengths: Overall team speed and a history of success against Nebraska, even in seasons when the Cornhuskers might have an edge in talent.

Weaknesses: Depleted depth at several positions and an offense that has sputtered at times this season.

Key Matchups: When Oklahoma and Nebraska play, every matchup is key.

Statistically: Along with Nebraska and Colorado, the Sooners rank among the conference leaders in nearly every offensive and defensive category, including one of the best rushing attacks in the country.

Players to watch: Evans, No. 78; Williams, No. 98; Blevins, No. 35; Dickson, No. 34; Wilson, No. 30; Steve Collins, No. 10; Perry, No. 2; Brewer, No. 6.

Last week: Oklahoma beat Kansas State in Norman, 42-19.

Next week: The Sooners are done. ■

Nebraska vs. Oklahoma

When: Saturday, Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

Media coverage: Live broadcast on the Nebraska Football Network; delayed telecast on cable, pay per view.

Sooner facts: Coach — Gary Gibbs, 37, is in his first season as Oklahoma head coach, succeeding Barry Switzer. School colors — Crimson and Cream. Nickname — Sooners. Enrollment — 21,500. Conference — Big Eight. Basic Offense — Option-I. Basic Defense — 52.

The Series: Oklahoma leads 38-28-3. Nebraska was 16-3-3 in the first 22 games of the series, from 1912 to 1942. The Sooners were 22-4-0 from 1943 to 1968. Since 1969, Oklahoma is 11-8. Oklahoma has won the last three games against Nebraska in Lincoln.

Give KU Credit

Head coach Tom Osborne: "I thought we played fairly well today. We seemed to be a little flat early in the ball game, especially on defense we had some problems.

"They scored one touchdown against our top unit. Overall, after the first seven or eight minutes, we settled down and played pretty good defense.

"Offensively, we played our second straight game without a turnover, which I think is a pretty good accomplishment. We're getting good consistency there. I thought Gerry Gdowski had another good day.

"The kicking game seemed to be all right today. We got a little better hang time on our punts.

"I was pleased we played as many people as we did. I think we got a good effort out of some of the second-unit players.

"Kansas had a pretty good offensive team. Kansas has a better team than many people gave them credit for. I think Glen Mason has done a real good job with them and they gave an outstanding effort.

"I thought we were probably a little bit flat. We really hadn't played that way all year. I'm not at all disappointed.

"Oklahoma still has a great defensive football team. They've got a lot of good players and great quickness. Offensively, I think when Collins came back last week, they really played well against Missouri."

Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride: "They'll (Sooners) play good. They always have against us. They're trying to get in some throwing. After what they see today, we're going to see more (throwing.)

"They (Jayhawks) probably got more yards against us than Colorado did. That's the disappointing thing. We set a goal of seven points and turned around and let big plays get us. Big plays have killed us all year. Almost every one was a mental mistake and I'm getting fed up with it.

"I know after the game I talked a little bit with Mike Murray. He was having trouble, too, emotionally during the week. If Mike feels that way... if he

wasn't there. I assume everybody else wasn't there.

"As far as being aggressive, at times it looked very good. Other times it looked pretty blasé.

"Emotionally, the defense was not good. We had our ups and downs.

"I felt like when the backup players did get in, they didn't do a very good

job. We had some critical errors, especially in the secondary."

Receivers coach Ron Brown (on Bell's wide-open TD catch): "When you run the option as well as we do, your secondary has to support quickly. In our passing game, a lot of our passing is predicated on how well we're moving the football.

"(Gdowski) just looks to his second and third options extremely well if the first option is covered. Certainly the receivers appreciate that." ■

CORNHUSKER 2-DEEP

OFFENSE

SE	19	Morgan Gregory	5-11	190	sr.
	4	Jon Bostick	6-2	190	so.
LT	78	Tom Punt	6-8	285	jr.
	77	Terry Eyman	6-6	265	jr.
LG	66	Jim Wanek	6-1	255	jr.
	64	John Roschal	6-3	280	sr.
C	68	Jake Young	6-4	270	sr.
	58	David Edeal	6-2	285	jr.
RG	69	Bill Bobbora	6-3	265	sr.
	61	Erik Wiegert	6-4	270	so.
RT	70	Doug Glaser	6-7	295	sr.
	63	Steve Engstrom	6-3	285	jr.
TE	85	Monte Kratzenstein	6-3	230	sr.
	89	William Washington	6-2	245	fr.
QB	14	Gerry Gdowski	6-0	190	sr.
	2	Mickey Joseph	5-11	175	so.
FB	29	Bryan Carpenter	5-10	205	sr.
	25	Sam Schmidt	6-1	225	sr.
IB	32	Ken Clark	5-10	200	sr.
	23	Leodis Flowers	5-11	200	so.
WB	21	Richard Bell	6-0	205	sr.
	22	Nate Turner	6-2	220	so.
K	44	Gregg Barrios	5-8	180	jr.

DEFENSE

OLB	42	Jeff Mills	6-4	235	sr.
	93	Travis Hill	6-2	230	fr.
LT	75	Ray Valladao	6-3	255	sr.
	56	Joe Sims	6-3	285	jr.
NG	74	Mike Murray	5-10	240	sr.
	97	Pat Engelbert	6-2	245	so.
RT	91	Kent Wells	6-5	280	sr.
	94	Brian Brown	6-6	255	so.
OLB	88	Mike Croel	6-3	225	jr.
	96	David White	6-2	225	fr.
SLB	55	Randall Jobman	6-3	235	sr.
	39	Mark Hagge	5-11	230	sr.
WLB	40	Pat Tyrance	6-2	240	jr.
	49	Chris Caliendo	6-2	240	sr.
LCB	38	Bruce Pickens	5-11	190	jr.
	45	Jon Crippen	5-10	170	jr.
RCB	3	Tyrone Leggette	5-9	170	so.
	5	Tahaun Lewis	5-11	175	jr.
SS	17	Reggie Cooper	6-3	205	jr.
	24	Curtis Cotton	6-1	195	so.
FS	26	Marvin Sanders	5-11	190	sr.
	8	Tyrone Byrd	5-11	170	fr.
P	47	Mike Stigge	6-1	190	fr.

SOONER 2-DEEP

OFFENSE

TE	43	Adrian Cooper	6-6	250	jr.
	82	Joey Mickey	6-7	255	fr.
LT	64	Terran Manning	6-2	280	jr.
	70	Brandon Houston	6-5	270	fr.
LG	54	Mike Sawatzky	6-2	264	jr.
	63	Mark Blodgett	6-3	270	so.
C	65	Mike Wise	6-6	260	sr.
	90	Randy Wallace	6-4	274	so.
RG	62	Larry Medice	6-4	283	jr.
	57	Jeff Miller	6-1	270	jr.
RT	70	Brandon Houston	6-5	270	fr.
	57	Jeff Miller	6-1	270	jr.
	36	Eric Bross	6-2	194	sr.
	18	Arthur Guess	5-11	190	jr.
QB	10	Steve Collins	6-2	195	fr.
	9	Tink Collins	5-10	178	fr.
TB	6	Dewell Brewer	5-8	195	fr.
	24	Don Smitherman	5-11	185	sr.
FB	2	Leon Perry	6-1	223	sr.
	31	Mike McKinley	6-0	220	so.
WB	11	Otis Taylor	5-8	184	fr.
	24	Don Smitherman	5-11	185	sr.
K	13	R.D. Lashar	5-11	185	jr.

DEFENSE

LE	34	Wayne Dickson	6-4	240	sr.
	88	Trey Tippens	6-5	230	so.
LT	77	Stacey Dillard	6-7	275	so.
	66	Brian Brauningner	6-5	260	so.
NG	98	Dante Williams	6-2	265	sr.
	56	James Baldwin	6-3	262	fr.
RT	78	Scott Evans	6-3	260	jr.
	95	Russell Allen	6-7	245	fr.
RE	30	Chris Wilson	6-3	227	so.
	88	Trey Tippens	6-5	230	so.
WLB	40	Reggie Barnes	6-2	210	fr.
	45	Joe Bowden	6-1	230	so.
SLB	35	Frank Blevins	6-4	228	jr.
	45	Joe Bowden	6-1	230	so.
CB	15	Charles Franks	6-0	184	so.
	48	Greg DeQuasie	5-11	194	so.
FS	19	Terry Ray	6-2	190	so.
	21	Lance Swanson	6-2	200	so.
SS	29	Jason Belser	5-10	170	so.
	48	Greg DeQuasie	5-11	194	so.
CB	22	Kevin Thompson	5-11	191	sr.
	15	Charles Franks	6-0	184	so.
P	84	Brad Reddell	6-2	195	fr.

When asked about getting his 17th nine-win season in a row, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne replied, "good players, good coaches...weak schedule," he said in joking reference to the Colorado game.

Nebraska got its third recruit of the season when Zach Wiegert of Fremont Bergan said he would sign a national letter of intent with Nebraska on the signing day next February. Zach Wiegert,

a 6-5, 250-pound offensive tackle-defensive tackle, is the younger brother of Cornhusker offensive guard Erik Wiegert.

"I talked to my brother about the decision and he said I couldn't go wrong," Zach Wiegert said. "I know it's a great school, a great program and has a lot of great people. I want to make a name for myself and not just be Erik's little brother when I get there. By the time

I'm where he is now, he'll be gone, and I'll be on my own."

Nebraska is in the hunt for Omaha Central running back Calvin Jones, considered one of the best running backs in the country. The Cornhuskers are also looking at two or three more in-state players, too. Reports say Nebraska has already picked the players it wants and should have a good chance of nailing down many of the top prospects from the Midwest, East and West Coast.

Linebacker Jeff Mills suffered a broken nose in the Colorado game. "That's a pretty strange deal these days because of the facemask that protects the whole face," Osborne said.

I-back George Achola said he was happy to be back at practice for the first time since the preseason workouts. Achola had a broken leg in NU's final preseason scrimmage. He said he didn't know if he would try to play this year or seek a redshirt season.

Steve Hatchell, executive director of the Orange Bowl said the bowl is still looking for the best possible matchup and he wouldn't preclude a Nebraska-Colorado rematch, if Notre Dame lost in the next two weeks.

Despite rumors to the contrary, Nebraska is open to any invitation, including the Fiesta Bowl and the Citrus Bowl, Osborne said.

Linebacker Mike Petko, out for the rest of the regular season with a knee injury, said he wants to be ready for the bowl game. "The doctors think I might not be ready yet, but I think I can prove them wrong."

Randall Jobman, Petko's backup, and team co-captain, said he is ready to fill in. "I've waited my turn and I'm happy to have the chance," he said. "I'm not the fastest guy around, but I'll do the job."

NU linebacker coach Kevin Steele said Jobman and reserve linebacker Mark Hagge might have been All-Americans in the days before the liberalized pass-blocking rules and the explosion of the college passing game. "Those two are very good against the run," he said.

Nebraska is still hoping for a chance at No. 1. "If we win our last two and somebody in front of us stumbles we can go into the bowl game as high as No. 3 and then have a shot at taking the No. 1 spot," Osborne said. ■

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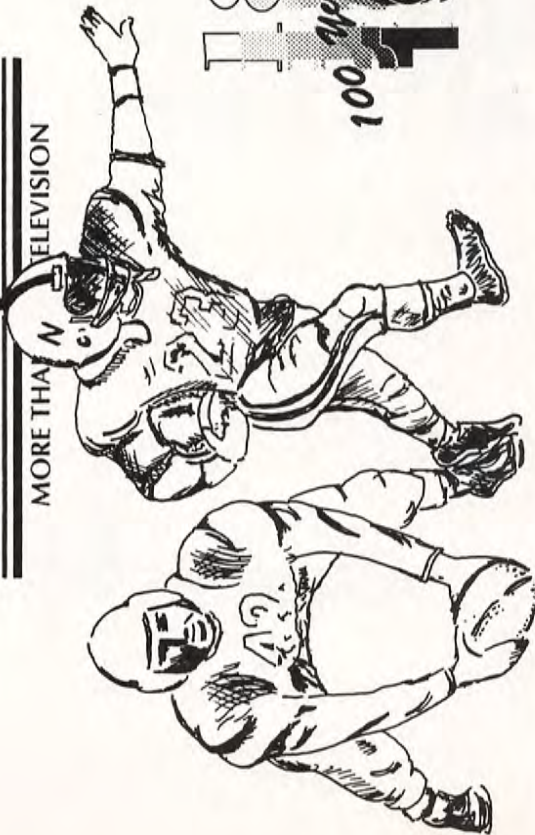


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MARK HAGGE TYPIFIES HUSKER DEDICATION AS 30 SENIORS HEAD FOR THEIR LAST HOME GAME.

By Mike Babcock

If you were going to design the ideal college football player, he would have Mark Hagge's attitude. He'd be a little taller and a little faster than Hagge, Nebraska's senior linebacker.

But he'd have Hagge's heart.

There's no more dedicated player among this year's Cornhuskers.

"We all have our shortcomings, and I realize mine," Hagge said recently, as he discussed a college football career that is fast winding down.

"When I'm done here, I'd like people to think I was somebody who loved the game, and when I had the chance, I gave it all up for that game."

Hagge gave up at least a part of his identity to play football at Nebraska. His

name hasn't been in the headlines, and he hasn't played a lot. But "I think I've contributed a little, and I've enjoyed myself," he said.

Hagge is one of the 30 Cornhusker seniors who will be playing in their final game at Memorial Stadium when Oklahoma comes to town. He's one of 11 walkons in that senior class.

Players like Hagge set Nebraska apart from other major college programs. Because of a limited recruiting base, Nebraska depends on walkons, players like Hagge who are willing to enroll without scholarships and who play for love of the game more than glory.

Hagge was an all-state linebacker at Omaha Creighton Prep. He helped lead

Coach Tom Jaworski's Junior Jays to the Class A state championship in 1984.

But college recruiters showed little interest in him. For one thing, he was too short for a major college linebacker. He's listed at 5-11, which might be stretching it some. He's certainly no taller than that.

"I really wasn't recruited by anybody," Hagge said. "I think some people expected me to walk on."

"I was told by a certain coach, who I won't name, that I would never make it, that I'd never see the field here."

His only scholarship offer came from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He declined because "it was time to get out of Omaha," said Hagge.

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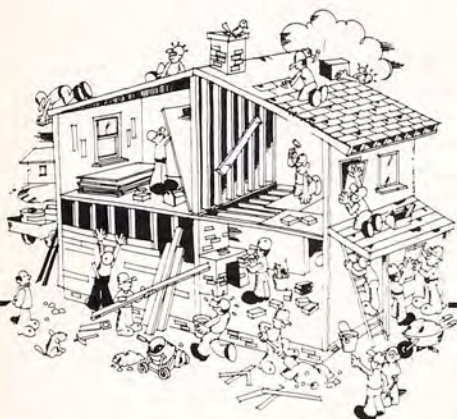
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Southern schools play football with considerable emotion, according to Hagge. And anyone who's watched the Cornhuskers' No. 39 knows that's how he plays the game. "I've always been a gung-ho type of guy," he said.

When it came time to settle on a school, however, Nebraska was the first and only choice. "My dad's always been a big Cornhusker fan," said Hagge.

In addition, former Nebraska assistant Clete Fischer was responsible for recruiting in-state walkons, and "he really impressed my folks."

Hagge's competitiveness set him apart, almost from the beginning. He earned a starting job at weak-side line-backer as a freshman on the junior varsity and finished as the team's leading tackler with 48 in five games.

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It was obvious even before that, however, that Hagge possessed uncommon determination. The summer following his high school graduation he was seriously injured in the wreck of an ATV.

He was told he would never be able to walk properly, if at all, again, much less play football. It was a new experience for Hagge.

"I'd never been injured, never had a broken bone," he said.

The accident set back his college football career a semester. In the fall of 1986, he helped coach football at Creighton Prep, enrolling at Nebraska for the spring semester in 1986.

As is the case with nearly every recruit, scholarship or walkon, Hagge was swept up in Cornhusker football. "When I was in high school, I watched guys like (Marc) Munford, (Mike) Knox and (Mark) Daum play," he said of the former Nebraska linebackers. "Then, all of a sudden, I was sitting in meetings next to them."

Despite his success with the junior varsity, Hagge's early experience at Nebraska was not without problems and self-doubt. "I got to the end of my rope a couple of times," he said. "I was going to transfer, and at one point I even considered enlisting in the Marines. But



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Hagge (39) has been honest with the game he loves.

once you start something, you've got to stay with it."

Even though he had played well as a freshman, Hagge found his name at the bottom of the depth chart going into spring practice his sophomore year.

It was discouraging, but at least he had some direction. There was no place to go except up. "It was just a matter of sticking it out," Hagge said.

Most of his freshman teammates were redshirted the next fall. But not Hagge, who didn't find out for sure until about a week before the first game, against Utah State.

Hagge didn't play enough to earn a letter as a sophomore. And he spent practice on the scout squad. But he got to suit up for home games and played on special teams, a task which he still enjoys. He and junior Scott Kurtz, another walkon linebacker from Creighton Prep, are the kickoff team's wedge-busters, a responsibility requiring reckless abandon.

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Hagge and Kurtz run down the center of the field, without regard for their own well-being, and often make the tackle.

Being a wedge-buster "is what I consider being a football player," Hagge said. "It's a full-speed, collision type of thing."

Among Hagge's closest friends on the football team is senior nose guard Mike Murray, another walkon who was ignored coming out of high school in Chicago because of his height.

Illinois asked him to walk on, and he might have, if the offer had been made differently. The Illinois assistant recruiting him told Murray he couldn't tell Mike White, then the Illini head coach, that a 5-10, 210-pound offensive guard ought to be given a scholarship.

At that point, Murray, the most valuable player for Mt. Carmel High School in suburban Chicago, wrote a two-page letter to Nebraska. He didn't ask for a scholarship, just a chance.

All Nebraska asked was that he switch positions. Scott Downing, who coached the Cornhusker JVs, told him he was too small for play offensive guard at the major college level. But he could certainly play nose guard.

Murray responded by finishing second to Hagge in tackles for the jayvees, making 21 in a 24-18 loss to the Air Force Academy junior varsity.

Murray, who's been compared to former Nebraska middle guard Kerry Weinmaster, picked up the system quickly enough to avoid a redshirt. And he compensated for his height limitations by being dedicated in the weight room.

He was voted by his teammates as Lifter of the Year last spring and has produced Nebraska's second-highest strength index point total. He gained some 15 pounds since his freshman year. He improved his 40-yard dash time from :05.25 to :05.04 and his vertical jump three-and-a-half inches.

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Hagge was Murray's host during his recruiting visit to Nebraska. "So Mike and I go way back," said Hagge.

Murray has gone from walkon to starter, as has tight end Monte Kratzstein, a senior from Gothenburg whose emergence is one of the most remarkable stories on this year's team.

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Monte Kratzenstein

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Most players would have begged off such an assignment. But Kratzenstein readily agreed. "I want to play in a game, and this is better than sitting home with the weekend off," he said.

The Cornhusker varsity was on the road that weekend and Kratzenstein hadn't made the 60-player travel roster.

Two years earlier, Kratzenstein had walked on as a tight end, the same position for which his teammate at Gothenburg High — Bump Novacek — had been given a scholarship to play.

Novacek, an outstanding multi-sport athlete and Nebraska's first prep pole vaulter to clear 16 feet, received all the media attention. About the only attention Kratzenstein received was an occasional perplexed look.

But he stuck it out and played enough to earn a letter that third year at Nebraska. Novacek had long since transferred to Fresno State.

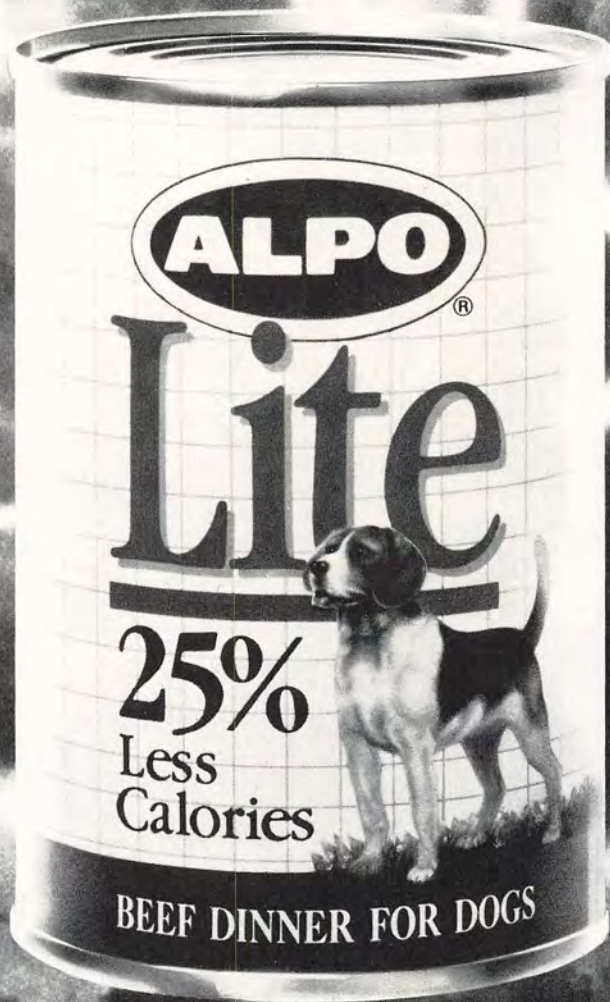
Prior to this season, much to his pleasure and surprise, Kratzenstein was given a scholarship. "I would have played anyway, but I'm happy for my parents that I got the scholarship," Kratzenstein said the day Coach Tom Osborne announced he'd gotten one.

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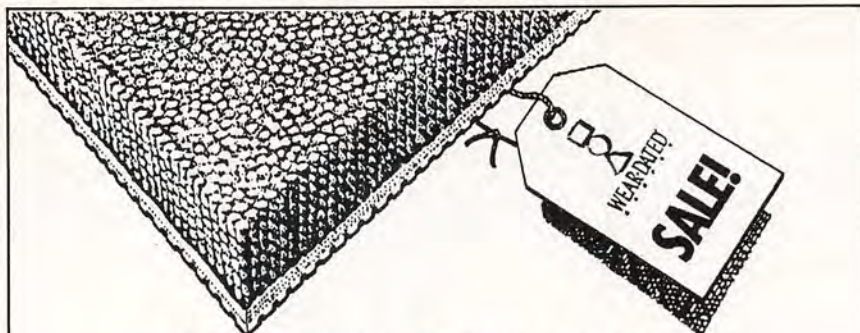
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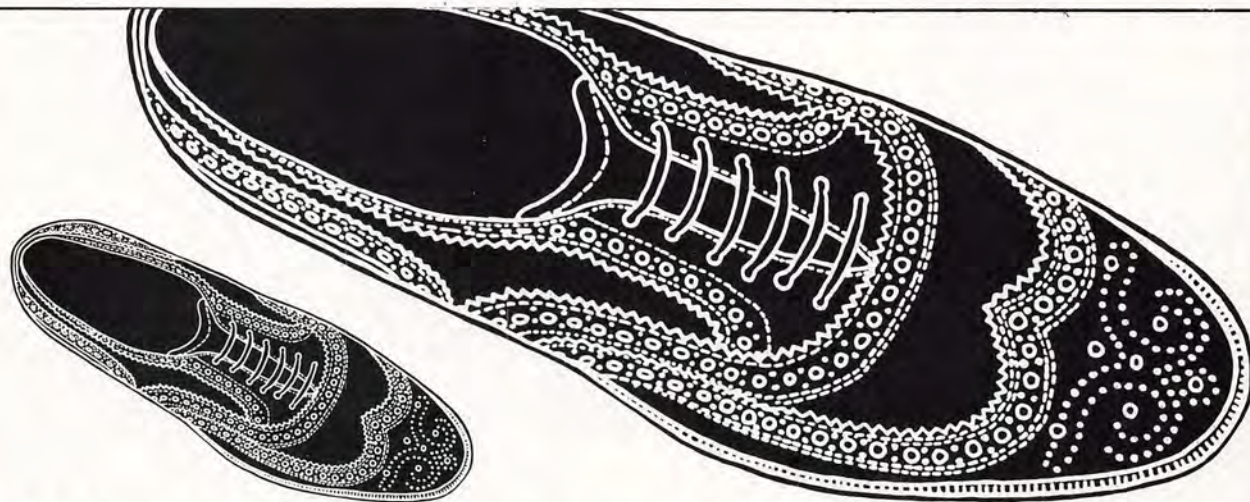
that characterizes walkons like Hagge, Murray and himself as well as anyone. "I feel like I have to contribute any way I can," he says. "You can't be selfish. If there's something I can do that makes the team better, then I'll do that. The only way I've gotten this far is with hustle and scrap."

Hustle and scrap have served Hagge well, too. He's seen a lot of good players fall by the wayside during his four years at Nebraska.

Thirteen of the 17 touchdowns for the junior varsity on which he played were scored by players who are no longer in the program. "I met a lot of good people on that team. And a lot of 'em aren't around any more," Hagge said. "It's funny how they slip away."

"Once in a while I see someone (from the team) walking on campus, and when I do, I always think they probably wish they had stuck it out, too."

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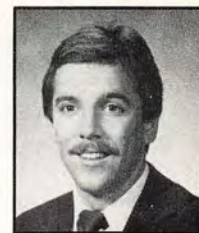
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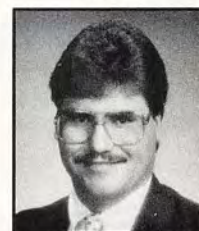
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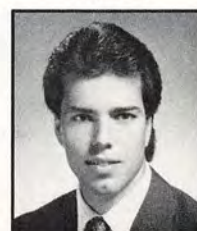
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or another. Six in that group have gone through without redshirting: quarterback Gerry Gdowski, outside linebacker Jeff Mills, center Jake Young, split end Morgan Gregory, offensive tackle Doug Glaser and inside linebacker Chris Caliendo.

Of the 24 scholarship players in the 1985 recruiting class, 14 will complete their eligibility, including three last season: Steve Taylor, Broderick Thomas and LeRoy Etienne. The other 11 will join Hagge and 10 senior walkons in playing for the final time at home against Oklahoma.

Senior inside linebacker Randall Jobman (a co-captain with Gdowski, Glaser and Mills) is unique in that he signed a letter of intent with Nebraska in February of 1984. But he lost his right thumb in a rodeo accident that summer and didn't enroll until the spring semester of 1985.

Senior noseguard Junior Monarrez was a member of the 1988 recruiting class, after spending two seasons in junior college.

Four years of major college football have taken their toll, according to Hagge. "There's always a case of burn-out," he said. "Your body gets tired of this game after a while."

Nevertheless, it'll be difficult to play that last game in Memorial Stadium, especially for players like Hagge who have grown up with Cornhusker football. Running onto the field for the final time will be special, even though "running out for any game is a great feeling," said Hagge.

"I haven't really thought about what it'll be like. But I'm sure it'll be a neat feeling for me and my family."

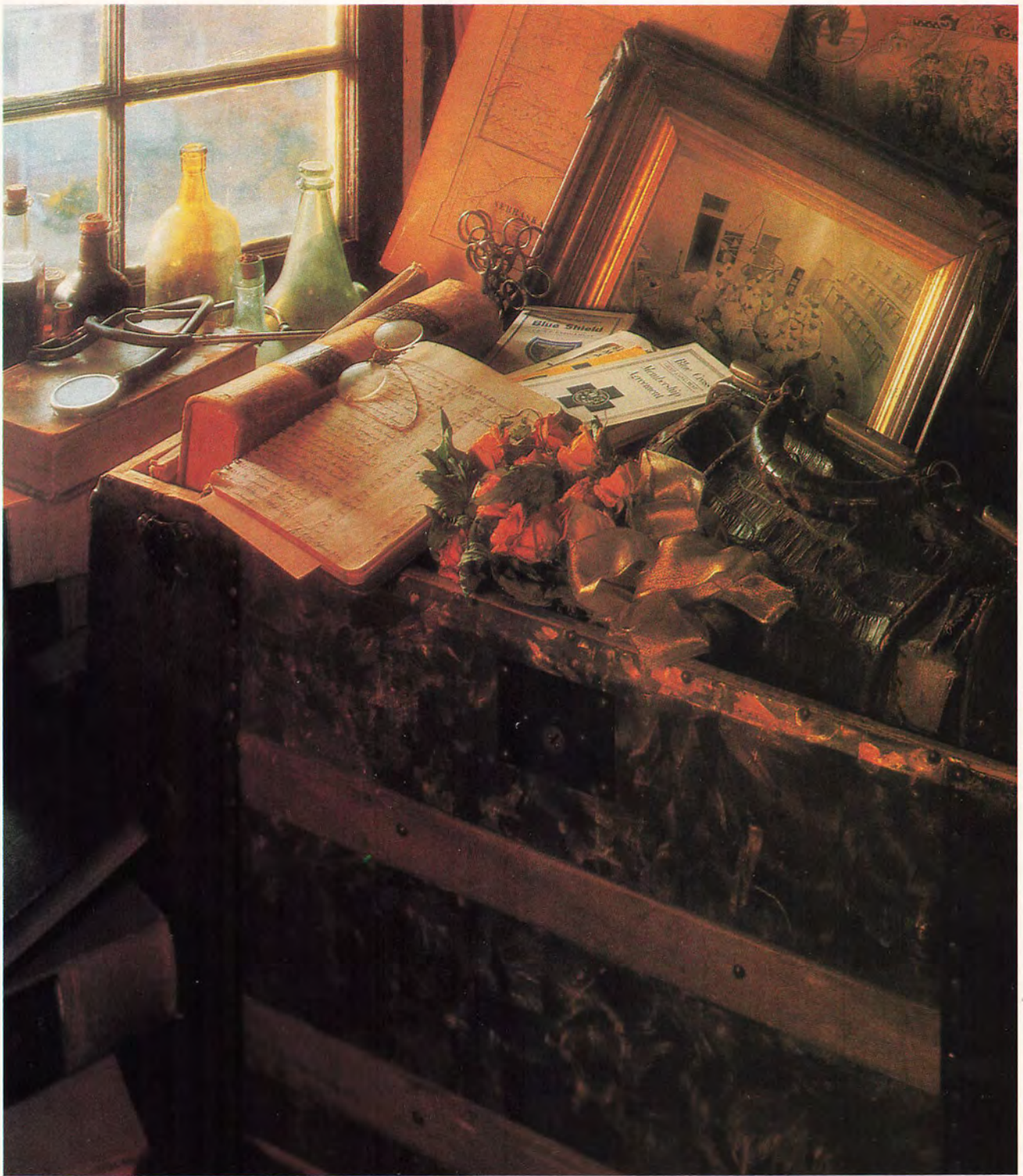
He's proven many people wrong by playing at Nebraska.

"Even to this day I'm still trying to prove myself. I put everything into it that I can," Hagge said. "I've been honest with the game. Some people get to thinking they're above it. That's when it gets them."

Hagge isn't surprised that he's been able to accomplish what he has, nor is he surprised by those around him.

"I've always had the attitude that anyone can play," Hagge said.

He respects his teammates and his opponents. And he respects the game. Hagge's attitude sets him apart. ■



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